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Dr Host to

Asa Bradford

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Bradford Esq
Supt Bk Mint

Sir, Since I handed you
communication in the forenoon of this day
I have reflected on the subject matter
& is upon which I wish to state a few more
facts —

Last year Mr Dowd gave a deposit
of Gold to the M & R to be melted & coined
to its being stopped — it was returned
with a loss of 2 oz more than the
law allowed — Mr Dowd observed it, &
stated the fact to the M & R — who
replied it is none of your business Sir —
The next morning however he brought
the 2 oz to Mr Dowd observing that he
had found it —

On another occasion Mr Downey was
engaged when the M & R returned a deposit
of Silver which he had melted — he weighed &
gave the weight to Downey who observed
that it was short 11 oz — more than the
law allowed — the reply was — Oh that
is nothing — we shall understand each
other — it can be made up another time

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However when Dunstey on being
disengaged, weighed the Dollars, he
found that it was about 22½ short-
on stating this fact to the M.S.R. that
offices again observed, it is nothing all
we have to do is to understand each other
these situations in the Mint are very
important when there is a good understanding
one of the officers in Philadelphia was
worth nothing when he was appointed
now he is worth $100000—

Another deposit of Gold Coin was
weighing about 5 oz was returned
with a gain of 203— Mr Dunstey
pointed it out to the M.S.R. who
said these must be some error
that he would take it back &—
melt it again— He finally returned
it about the proper weight— Now
of the Melter & Refiner disposes the
act of making 5 Ounces of Gold
weigh 4 Ounces— There is no difficulty
in accounting for the excess of which
he complains, which seems to be
such a heavy burden on his Conscience.

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I beg to refer you to Mr Dunn & Directory for the truth of these statements both gentlemen being prepared & willing to give their testimony before a Magistrate —

Respectfully

Wm P. Hart

Agent